

**Preliminary Amendment**

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6, with the following re-written paragraph:

**Cross-Reference To Related Applications**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/903,296, filed July 11, 2001, and entitled "Apparatus and Method for Creating, Maintaining, and Controlling a Virtual Electrode Used for the Ablation of Tissue"; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/347,635, filed on July 6, 1999, and entitled "Apparatus and Method For Creating, Maintaining, and Controlling a Virtual Electrode Used For the Ablation of Tissue", which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/091,959, filed on July 7, 1998.